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Mr. Black:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH") contained in LSA Document 09-47. The proposed rule amends 410 IAC 3.6-1 through 410 IAC 3.6-6 to add new definitions, modify the selection of vendor procedure, modify department sanctions, update and modify minimum stocking requirements and modify documents incorporated by reference.

The impact statement provided by ISDH indicates that the proposed rule will impact 155 grocery stores and pharmacies in Indiana. Cost incurred as a result of this rule may come about as a result of the up-front cost of meeting the minimum stocking requirements associated with participation in the Women, Infants, and Children ("WIC) voucher program. This potential cost will only be bourn by those businesses that choose to participate in the WIC program. Therefore the proposed rule does not necessarily impose any direct costs on small businesses.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact on small businesses as a result of this rule. The program is voluntary and any extra costs resulting from this rule will likely be offset by the profit from expanded retail sales. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or <a href="mailto:resulting">resulting</a> resulting from this rule will likely be offset by the profit from expanded retail sales. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or <a href="mailto:resulting">resulting</a> result of this rule.

Regards,

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